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<b>Title of Invention</b>		
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NEGATIVE WORKING LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE PRECURSORS WITH A COATING COMPRISING DIAZO RESIN		
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

After assigning a serial number and filing date to the U.S. national stage application based on the above-identified international application, but before calculating the total fee due for the filing of the application, please amend the application pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment.

A credit card authorization is included for the required filing fee. In the event that any additional fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us.

**This Preliminary Amendment includes:**

1. Amendments to the Specification (pp. 2-3);
2. Amendments to the Abstract (p. 4);
3. Amendments to the Claims (pp. 5-9); and
4. Remarks and Conclusion (p. 10).